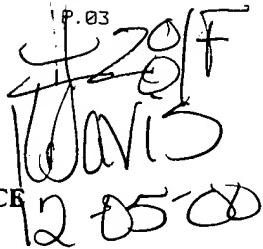


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Application of: Dean A. FALB

Application No.: 09/799,910 Group Art Unit: 1633

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE USING
FCHD605 AS A TARGET (AS AMENDED)

Attorney Docket No.: 7853-0067

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2000 (Paper No. 27), please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith:

(a) a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) for response for a period of One (1) month from July 25, 2000 up to and including August 25, 2000, accompanied with the appropriate fee; and (b) a copy of the pending claims, as amended (Exhibit A).

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.